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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for filing an Appeal Brief be extended for five months to and including April 27, 2003. A Notice of Appeal, filed on September 20, 2002, was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office September 27, 2002.

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